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We Can We Will We Must

Wake-up and see what is happening to this country

Hello brothers and sisters of Local 722. We can We will We must Wake-up and be aware of what is going on in this country, please be ready to stand up

for your rights as a citizen. The new contracts are starting to circulate at both facilities. Please read them so you can get familiar with the new changes.

On November 2, 2025 is when Daylight saving time ends it is a day earlier than last year .Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday November 1, 2025, before you go to bed .All digital devices, such as computers, TVs and cell phones, will automatically update to the new time at 2 a.m. Sunday morning.

Please do not forget to beat the deadline at Washington Hospital Center and Children's Hospital to get your flu vaccine.

God blesses those people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God. Instead, the Law of the Lord makes them happy, and they think about it day and night.

We Can We Will We Must Wake-up



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Grievance Committee Meets on the first and last Wednesday of every month starting at 6pm



ANNIVERSARY

Chartered January 23, 1975

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ADVOCATING FOR WORKERS

DEC 20, 2025

8 pm - 1 am

Martin's Crosswinds

7400 Greenway Center Drive

Greenbelt Maryland 20770

CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF STRENGTH, SOLIDARITY, AND SERVICE

SEIU Local 722

On January 23, 1975, the Hospital Professional Technical Service Employees proudly received its charter and officially became **SEIU Local 722**, a dedicated chapter of the **Service Employees International Union**. Since that pivotal day, Local 722 has been a driving force for justice, dignity, and fairness in the workplace.

Over the course of our proud history, **only four presidents** have been elected to lead our union: *Alton Akinsugun, Marchel Smiley, Daniel Fields Jr., and Michael Jeter*. Their leadership and commitment have helped shape the strength and unity that define Local 722 today.

From day one—and continuing through to the present—Local 722 has stood at the forefront of the labor movement, fighting to:

- * **Organize unorganized workers**
- * **Advocate for better wages, hours, and working conditions**
- * **Secure economic and workplace rights for all members**
- * **Empower workers through collective bargaining and negotiation**

We have always been, and remain, deeply committed to **defending and promoting the principles of free collective bargaining**, the **rights of workers and consumers**, and the overall **well-being and security of our communities**. Whether through political action, educational outreach, or community engagement, we are proud to stand up and speak out for what's right.

We won't pretend the journey has been easy. Like any strong movement, we've faced setbacks—but we've also achieved incredible victories. **Local 722 has fought—and won—countless battles** that have uplifted workers, advanced labor rights, and improved the lives of our members and their families. We've played a pivotal role in electing pro-worker political leaders and have provided meaningful outreach in the communities where our members live and thrive.

But our mission is far from over.

The work of building a better future starts today. We are focused on growing our membership, negotiating stronger contracts, amplifying the voices of working people, and defending our democracy.

Now, more than ever, we need **you**—our members—to step forward. **Get involved.**
Become a workplace representative. Join a committee. Attend union meetings. Collaborate with a caucus. **Stand united in solidarity.**

Together, we are stronger. Together, we are SEIU Local 722



A MINDS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE

Congratulations to all of our 2025 Scholarship recipients!



Members: Leonardo Franco Delgadillo (WHC), Majhe Hinton (WHC), Kimberly Anthony (WHC), Skky Mabry (WHC)

<u>Young Adults</u>: Aidan Mendes (UMD), Afeef Ali (Virginia Tech)Stephanie Ayer (Towson Univ), Sameen Hossain (Virginia Commonwealth), Sekou Bangdura (St Mary's College), Michaela Stewart (FAMU), Jazmeyne Kearney (N.C. Central), Johnella Nelson (Towson Univ)Eryka Kornegay (Temple Univ)

This achievement is more than just a financial award. It is a recognition of perseverance, determination, and the power of education to transform lives.

The saying, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," continues to ring true. We are proud to see that the members of our union and the children of our members, are proving this with their actions. By pursuing higher education, training, and personal growth, they are not only following their dreams but also laying the foundation for stronger communities and a brighter tomorrow.

These scholarships symbolize more than opportunity; they reflect the values that bind us together as a union family: support, solidarity, and the belief that every person deserves the chance to reach their full potential. When one of us succeeds, we all succeed. Each degree earned, each skill learned, and each new door opened strengthens the future of our families and our collective movement.

We encourage our recipients to carry this moment with pride, remembering that education is not just about personal achievement but about creating a ripple effect that inspires others to rise higher. To our members who supported this journey through mentorship, encouragement, and contributions, you are helping to build legacies that will outlast us all.

As we celebrate these outstanding scholars, let us recommit ourselves to the ongoing fight for equity, opportunity, and access. Because when we invest in education, we are not only investing in individuals, we are investing in progress.

Congratulations once again to our 2025 Scholarship recipients. The journey ahead may not always be easy, but your union family stands with you every step of the way. Dream boldly, work passionately, and know that the best is yet to come.

Scholarship applications are available May 1st each year. You can find them on our website, see a shop steward, or call the union office.







SEIU LOCAL 722 ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY DECEMBER 20, 2025

8 PM - 1 AM

MARTIN'S CROSSWINDS

7400 GREENWAY CENTER DRIVE GREENBELT MARYLAND 20770

MEMBERS: \$20 DEPOSIT RETURNED AT THE DOOR

GUEST: \$50

** SNEAKER BALL **

** NO CUT UP IEANS **

<u>CNMC Ticket Sales</u>		<u>MWHC Ticket Sales</u>	
1st Floor Engineering Conference Room		Ground Floor Room G - 008	
Oct 31st	6am - 6pm	Oct 24th	6am - 6pm
Nov 14th	9am - 6pm	Nov 7th	6am - 6pm
Nov 28th	6am - 6pm	Nov 21st	6am - 6pm
Dec 5th 6 am - 6 pm		Dec 5th 6 am - 6 pm	

OffSITE LOCATIONS

Call the office (202) 483 - 6221

Arrangements will be made for someone to come to your location

SEIU LOCAL 722 1673 Columbia Rd. N.W #100 Washington, D.C. 20009

Stay Informed By Having The Correct Information

Are you in need of information about the union, please attend the membership meetings on the third Saturday of the month. We rotate our meeting between the Children's National Auditorium and the Washington Hospital Center Auditorium from 2 pm - 4 pm. If you are in need of union representation during your shift, Please check the Bulletin Boards for the names and contact information of Shop Stewards.

Bulletin Board location at Children's: In cafeteria near the ATM, Next to the staffing office in hallway across from the auditorium; in 1st floor hallway near Central Supply, SPD, and Engineering Control Desk

At WHC: Bus Circle (B) elevator, E/F side of Cafeteria, Cancer Institute (ground floor), Basement near Pharmacy